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## French Seek To Oust Turkey

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POST Correspondent

EMPIRE is out of date. Its substitute is in a matter of economics or ideology, not territory. Even the sphere of influence principle has lost its definition. It is subject to hard currency or hard times; in the first event shaping itself to the guidance of the dollar, in the second to the guidance of the pound and the stirring slogans of the agitator. Britain, with no hard currency to spare and with an ideology more sensible than exciting, when it comes to the point has very little to show but the proud flag, around which empire and influence were built up when ideology was a tale cumbrously told by a peppery gentleman called Marx and the dollar a currency no harder to suspicious than any other.

LITTLE wonder, then, if Mr. Morrison's difficulties in Egypt, like those in Persia, are acute. The Conservatives would like him to run up the flag and swivel his guns to confront the offending Egyptians in terms as antiquated as the gold sovereign. Clever correspondents convey the impression that the Labour Government, sans dollars, sans ideology, sans the courage or wit to drag out the flag and raise the ghost of Cecil Rhodes, must take the "count" in Egypt as it has taken it in Persia and surrender, if not to the Egyptians then at least to the Americans.

IN other words, the government that gave back India to the Indians, Burma to the Burmese, is to go a step further and give the Middle East to the Americans. If this were indeed the intention, it might not be such a bad idea; except that the United States itself could be expected to have its own views on the matter. On the evidence, those views hardly seem to favour an acceptance of the surrender; they favour, rather, the very "appraisal" of which Mr. Morrison has been declared guilty.

DIPLOMACY, even between a big and a little power, is a confusing, indecorous affair: far more so when the involvement is in a semi-colonialism based on international treaty concluded if not under duress, then under something very like it; which gives to a government of feu-dalistic scallywags the opportunity to disguise itself in the intoxicating apparel of self-determination, sovereign integrity, democratic rights and all the rest of the gaudy paraphernalia of nationalism. One suspects that Mr. Morrison has been compelled to look at the Egyptian matter that way. A state of affairs brought about in a Tory era has come to its natural crisis at a time of quasi-Socialism, the principles and good sense of which doubtless would have found the solution if quasi-Socialism had not come parallel with a state of international tension brought to a pitch of pre-belligerency in which military strategy and the probable stresses of a possible war put principles, Socialist or any other, into the same category as pacifists, hawkers, travellers, nationalists and all the other tedious goods to conscience.

IN these circumstances, showing the flag won't do. Hard cash in Britain's pocket to jingle before the Egyptians, there is none; nor cavalry to impress a cowering populace in place of an ideology to stir it. So-called appeasement remains. If that fails, there are but two alternatives—to give in to the Egyptians or to call in America. If the second of these alternatives, what have the Tories to complain about or the commentators to be contemptuous of?

Tel Aviv, August 29.

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## 6 Sentenced To Death In Amman

AMMAN, Monday. — The Arab Legion military court near Amman today passed the death sentence on six men found guilty of complicity in the murder of King Abdullah today, and acquitted the four remaining defendants.

The six sentenced to death are:

- Dr. Musa Abdulla Huseini, 41, a professor of Islam University, deported from Palestine for his part in the 1936-37 trials, who later escaped to Germany. After breaking with his family, he joined the Muslim Brotherhood, he served for a while as liaison officer for Colonel Abdullah e-Tel, then Governor of the Old City.
- Abdulla Elikash, Jerusalem cattle merchant, active in the Palestine war as member of the Mufti Jihad organization.
- Zakaria Elikash, his brother, butcher and cattle merchant, also active in the Jihad.
- Colonel Abdulla e-Tel, former leader of the Mufti, Palestine squad, allegedly head of Arab terrorist activities in Damascus.
- Colonel Abdulla e-Tel, former Commander of the Arab Legion in the Old City, and later its minister of war, who broke with King Abdullah in 1950 and escaped to Egypt.
- Musa Ahmed el Ayoubi, former Jerusalem vegetable merchant, a follower of the Mufti from whom he had split and estranged himself recently. Now in Egypt.

The remaining four defendants—Dr. Daoud Hussein, Tewfik Salah Hussein, Father Ibrahim Ayyad and Kamel Kalouti—were acquitted by the Court, which ordered their release.

The Court went into session at 11 a.m. this morning, and announced the names of the six found guilty, despite the news that a last-minute new confession by Dr. Musa Huseini might cause the reopening of the trial.

According to the Amman and Old City press-subject to rigorous censorship—Dr. Musa's confession in fact revealed no new facts of importance, and was accompanied merely by a plea for clemency.

Earlier, Dr. Musa's defense counsel had claimed the new confession would show that he was trapped into the plot by Colonel Abdulla e-Tel.

The Court resumed again later this morning after having taken an hour's adjournment, and read out the sentence.

### Ridgway May Ask New Talk Site

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter).—Speculation here that General Ridgway would ask the Communists to change the scene of the Korean cease-fire talks if they were to continue was revived.

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**JERUSALEM'S** beggars again infest the streets, plague the shopkeepers and molest the cafe-sitters. To win our sympathy, they expose their BEGGARS deformed limbs and sightless eyes. Most cities in the Western world manage to keep their beggars off the streets. If New Jerusalem still considers itself to be oriental and picturesque, then perhaps we must resign ourselves to beggars as one of its features. But if Jerusalem is part of a modern State, then mendicancy must be discouraged.

Begging, like prostitution and gambling, is a complex social problem and very hard to solve. The special conditions of Jerusalem make it even harder. It is only in recent times that Jerusalem has become a centre of production. Until two or three decades ago, its population thrived largely as dependents on one charitable organization or another — Moslems on the Waki, Christians on the convents, Jews on "Hakukas."

This has been changed, and the Capital is now humming with trade, commerce and industry. The Histadrut has a membership of more than 30,000, and most others are gainfully employed. But the flood of new immigrants has brought many from other Middle East countries where begging is endemic. The cost of living has soared, and the social day nurseries are overwhelmed by the problem of the unemployable. Yet, begging in Jerusalem is largely due to the heartlessness of its population.

**ARG.** Charity is a Jewish tradition, in an uncertain age, Jews seeing a beggar say "There, but for grace of God, go I." Hence, will scarcely see a beggar unnoticed by the passers-by. And it is by no means the who are the most charitable. If Jerusalem's citizens are less prone to indiscriminate charity and more interested in supporting reputable welfare institutions, there are fewer beggars on the streets.

ice action is often suggested. It is quite easy to move a beggar; but he merely goes his pitch and settles elsewhere. Besides, there are few police available in Jerusalem to make such a campaign a success. It would be astute to the police themselves, who would turn a blind eye. Prosecution is equally useless, as even wealthy beggars, if fined, can always plead substitution with some show of credibility. Imprisonment is a curse and would vastly increase the present overcrowding in the prisons.

One solution, of course, would be the provision of old age pensions throughout Israel. This would at least provide for the elderly. If there was a state disability allowance scheme, this would provide for the crippled. Such state assistance would reduce the strength of the sentimental appeal at present exercised by the two largest categories of beggars — the aged and the disabled. But these are long-term solutions. What can be done immediately?

The public is in the dark about the extent of the problem, its nature, its causes, and the various possible short-term solutions. One such solution is clearly the strengthening of the social welfare organization of the Jerusalem Municipality. But the further expenditure of public funds on a large scale cannot be approved without a preliminary inquiry. Let the Ministry of Social Welfare make a start by appointing a committee to carry out such an inquiry. When we get its report we shall know where we are and in which direction we have to go.

## WAGE COMMITTEE COMPLETES WORK

Unanimity on all questions was reached at the conclusion yesterday in Jerusalem of the deliberations of the Committee on Civil Service Salaries, it was announced yesterday.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Akiva Govrin, the committee dealt with questions posed by the Civil Service Commissioner, the Histadrut Executive, the Association of State Employees, the Central Committee of the Clerks' Unions and heads of the services. The committee is now preparing its report for submission to the Government.

## FOREIGN AID BILL ALARMS AMERICAN TAXPAYERS Domestic Politics Slash U.S. Grants

By KENNETH HARRIS

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WASHINGTON, (O.P.N.S.)

THE House of Representatives of the U.S. Senate has voted to clip more than a 1,000 million dollars from the authorization submitted to it for foreign aid, which reduces Israel's share from \$73.5m. to \$56.75m. The Administration will consider itself fortunate if the Senate, when it comes to vote today, does not pronounce itself in favour of further cuts.

It is improbable that the Bill, which theoretically should have been cleared by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, can become law before the middle of September. After a joint House-Senate conference has resolved the differences in the two sets of proposals, it will be necessary for both Chambers to vote final approval, and the House will not return from its recess until September 12.

The Administration's failure to get its original foreign aid programme through Congress is due to the difficulty President Truman is finding in keeping the Democratic Party firmly behind the Administration's policy. This situation arises from the Democrats' concern at the unprecedented scale of peace-time expenditures and their fear that public resentment against them is putting a heavy burden on the Party at a time when the 1952 election campaign is entering its formative stage.

Although there is pressure for cuts in the military expenditures proposed by the Administration, the main criticism is directed at the economic aid clauses. The pace has been set by the House of Representatives who, for example, voted to cut Europe's authorization from nearly 1,500 million dollars to just under 1,000 million.

### ECONOMIC MOOD

There is no doubt that Congress is in a highly economic mood. To take a striking example: the House has just slashed the supplementary Civil Defence programme from \$35,000,000 dollars to \$25,000,000, a cut of 87 per cent, and this at a time when the American people are reported to be extremely sensitive to the possibility of atomic attack. The Foreign Aid Bill is the victim of an unfortunate coincidence in that it is up before Congress simultaneously with the President's request for a 10,000 million dollar tax bill, which, even if it is cut to the 7,000 million demanded by the House, will mean an increase of 12% per cent in the in-

### MUSICAL DIARY

THE Aviation Council for Israel presented Emma Schaver and Frank Pelleg in a Gala Concert at the Y.M.C.A. on Monday. Miss Schaver was the first guest singer to come to Jerusalem after the siege when she appeared as the mezzo-soprano soloist in Mahler's "Resurrection" symphony with the I.P.O. under Leonard Bernstein. She is an attractive artist with a perfect platform manner. Her performance of arias by Handel, Scarlatti, Haydn and Gluck was cultured, although sometimes lacking in lyrical sweetness. But her personality was striking in the Ghetto and Camp. The Yiddish offerings, far from being sentimental, were dramatically bold-like, dignified by an heroic undertone.

"Eins, Tzvi, Drei" the "Partisan" Lid and another heart-rending song, which one couldn't forget after this guest-artist sang it three years ago, "Es brennt," is a haunting vision of the unbreakable spirit of a persecuted people.

Miss Schaver's charm was irresistible in Binder's "Shabot Baim Shalosh Sudot" and she was enchanting in her famous encore "Reisele."

Frank Pelleg showed sensitive delicacy as accompanist. As a soloist he gave a masterly performance of Mendelssohn's "Variations Serenades." The architecture of these variations was moulded magnificently by Mr. Pelleg, who also created subtly the romantic spell of this music.

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Senator Connally

the Government of the State of whose shores the Islands lie. President Truman is strongly committed to the status quo in this question.

For some days the Administration did not know what policy on foreign aid the powerful Joint Committee, sitting in secret session, would decide to recommend for the discussion of the 96 Senators upon the Senate floor, nor how far Senator Connally would be able to reconcile his loyalty to the President with the deference he must give to public opinion. There

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